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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2000, please amend the
above identified application as follows.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace each paragraph indicated in **Attachment A** with the (clean) paragraph
as shown after the indication in Attachment A provided herewith. A marked up copy of
each replaced paragraph showing the changes from the original paragraphs is shown in
Attachment B provided herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean version of the introductory phrase to the claims is provided herewith in
Attachment C. A marked up copy of the introductory phrase to the claims is shown in
Attachment D provided herewith.